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**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request No. A19-04129, Dated May 20, 2019,  
Concerning City of Detroit Records Regarding WrestleMania 23**

Dear Mr. Bixenspan:

This letter serves as the City of Detroit's response to the above-referenced matter. Your request was received at the City of Detroit Law Department Freedom of Information Act Section, via email, on May 20, 2019. Because your request was received by electronic transmission, pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (the "Act"), MCL 15.235(1); it is deemed to have been received at the Law Department on the next business day, May 21, 2019. In accordance with Section 5(2)(d) of the Act, MCL 15.235(2)(d), we sent a letter extending the City's time to respond until June 12, 2019. Thank you for your patience regarding this matter.

You request:

All documents relating to the bidding process for, promotion of, and exhibition of 2007's WrestleMania 23 event, as well as any potential unsuccessful bids for other WrestleManias, including but not limited to invoices, pitch decks, ticket/building settlements, financial impact studies, accounting information, communications between the city and World Wrestling Entertainment, contracts, and requests by WWE to limit building access to other wrestling promoters.

Your request is denied pursuant to Section 5(5)(b) of the Act, MCL 15.235(5)(b). Based on information provided by personnel from the City of Detroit Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP), Parks and Recreation Department, and the Mayor's Office, it is our understanding that none of these department possess any record which corresponds to the description of your request. Therefore, please allow this letter to serve as a certification of no record from the OCP, Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Office regarding this request.

Please note that pursuant to Section 10 and 10a of the Act, MCL 15.240 and 15.240a, a person receiving a written denial of a request or receiving a letter to submit the labor costs may do one of the following:

- 1) Submit a written appeal to the head of the public body denying the request. Such appeal, if submitted, should specifically state the word "appeal" and identify the reason or



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reasons for reversal of the disclosure denial. MCL 15.240(1)(a) and MCL 15.240a(1)(a); or

- 2) Commence an action in the circuit court to compel the disclosure of the public records within 180 days after the public body's denial of the request, MCL 15.240(1)(b), or 45 days after the public body's request for labor costs, MCL 15.240a(1)(b). If a court finds that the information withheld by a public body is not exempt from disclosure, or that the labor costs requested by the public body exceeds the amount permitted, the requesting party may receive the requested record and, at the discretion of the court, reasonable attorney fees and /or cost. MCL 15.240(6) and (7), and MCL 15.240a(6) and (7).

When contacting our office regarding this request, please include the request number listed in the subject line above. **For your information, please note that a public summary of City of Detroit FOIA procedures and guidelines is available on the City's website, [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov), under "How Do I..." and "File".**

Very truly yours,

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